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KELPIE.

She stood in the stormy twilight, the swollen waters running swiftly beneath her bare feet; her dusky eyes fixed intently on some object lower down the stream; a little stray lamb closely clasped in her arms.

They called her Kelpie; nothing else, for the slim, lithe-limbed, lustrous-eyed maiden had no claim to any other name.

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One mid-winter night, when the snow lay white and heavy on the surrounding hills and a bitter blast whistled through the valley in which Maplethorp nestled, the widow Buckstone, sitting comfortably in her chimney corner, was startled by a sharp rap at the door.

"Why, who can it be on such a night?" cried the widow, pushing her spectacles up on her forehead. "Run to the door, Tom!"

Tom obeyed.

"Who's there?" he demanded.

Only the hoarse roar of the wintry blast answered him.

"There's some one lurking about," said Tom. "I'll see what they're after."

But he stumbled over something at his feet. A basket, covered with a colored blanket.

"What's this?" he cried.

The colored blanket was removed, and underneath, all folded in flannels, they found a little mite of a baby.

Tom's mother held up two deprecating hands.

"It's a shame," she cried, "and I a lone widow. I won't keep it; I won't; it shall go to the poor-house in the morning; now there."

Tom was silent.

But when the morrow came, and the news got abroad, and all Maplethorp came flocking in to have a look at the little foundling, Tom got behind his mother's chair and pinched her arm.

"Mother," he whispered, when she turned round, "don't send the midget away; I shall be a big fellow soon, and I'll work for you both."

His mother nodded and smiled, but tears rose in her eyes. And When Mr. Thorndyke, the minister, came with the rest and offered to make some provision for the child, she answered, with curt decision:

"I intend to keep it myself."

So the little waif remained at the small cottage, in the sunny pine woods beyond the village of Maplethorp; and when spring came on in beauty, Mrs. Buckstone carried her little charge to the village church and the baby was christened, the minister's wife standing godmother. Only Rose! And the sweet name suited her well; for the bloom on her dusky cheeks, and the dewy carnation of her young lips, were as bright as the heart of that queenly flower.

Rose was her name, but as she grew into a slim slip of a girl, everybody called her Kelpie. Because she was such a wild, bright, defiant thing, perhaps, and had such a fondness for the water.

While other girls of her age were playing at baby-house Rose might be found on the shore of Cedar creek, launching her miniature boats amid the shallows wading in the cool water with bare, brown feet as exquisite in form as a sculptor's model, or swinging in the fork of an overhanging willow, watching the wild ducks as they sailed down stream.

"She's an out-an'-out Kelpie," said old Hawks, the Maplethorp miller, and from that hour the name clung to her.

Tom made good his promise, and worked hard and willingly for his mother and her adopted child; but there came a time when the little slumbering town was too small for Tom. His growing capacities called for some wider field of action. Where there is a will a way generally opened.—A fine opportunity came up, and Tom availed himself of it at once. But it required a severe wrench to tear himself from Maplethorp and the little cottage under the shelter of the pine woods.

"Kelpie, I'm going," he said, when he had parted with his mother.

The girl was driving her lamb into their fold, but she turned round and faced him.

"I'm going," repeated Tom, standing up straight and handsome, a wistful expression in his resolute gray eyes; "but I shall come back, Kelpie."

Kelpie stood like a statue.

"Shall I find you here at the old cottage?" he went on. "Will you wait, Kelpie, and have a welcome for me?"

A slight quiver stirred her red lips, but she looked at him with shy, almost defiant eyes.

"I cannot promise," was all she said.

A shadow of pain crossed the young man's eager face. He made a step forward and caught her two hands.

"You are cruel," he cried. "You know how I love you——"

"Stop," she commanded, freeing herself of his grasp; "I will not hear another word. You have been kind and good to me all my life, and I am not ungrateful; let that suffice. Go you your way, and leave me to mine."

Tom drew a deep breath, and his eyes flashed.

"You perfer some one else," he said bitterly. "If it were young Doctor Talcott asking you for your promise you would answer him quite differently, I'll warrant."

"If you think so, well and good," she made answer, and turning from him, followed her lambs to pasture.

Years came and went. Kelpie grew up to womanhood, straight as a dart, and graceful as a young willow.

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There was not a man in Maplethorp who would not have risked life and limb for a smile from her shy, red lips, or a glance of favor from her luminous dark eyes. But she kept them all at a distance, even young Talcott.

There came, as time speed on, a spring afternoon, wild with storm and rain. The valley was deluged, and the mad winds tossed and bent the pines, and tore off the branches of the maples.

"I must see that the lambs are folded," said Kelpie, as the twilight drew near.

"You'd better stay indoors and let the creatures shift for themselves," said the widow from the chimney corner.

But Kelpie had a will of her own, and went out into the storm. A little later she looked in.

"Nay, nay!" cried the widow, "you must not think of it. Ten to one it has strayed beyond the creek. Let it alone."

"The water is rising rapidly and it may perish. It is a poor little stray lamb, too," said the girl, her bright eyes softening. "I raised it myself; I cannot leave it to die."

Maplethorp was fast closed against the storm, not a creature to be seen in the streets. Beyond, in the ravine, through which the creek ran, the gale had been fearful. Trees were uprooted and broken boughs tossed about, and the swollen stream dashed over the rocks at a mad rate.

Kelpie went resolutely on, calling her lost lamb in a clear, high voice, that rang even above the clamor of the storm And at last, away up amid the laurel cliff, a plaintive cry answered her; and at the foot of an old pine she found her lamb.

She caught it up with a hushed cry of delight, and turned her face homeward. Twilight was falling, and the rising waters were all about her feet. She went on carefully picking her way, leaping lightly from rock to rock, the wind tossing her unbound hair.

A sound of tramping hoofs and directly a man's voice in imperative command reached her from below. Standing on the slippery rocks, the swift flowing waters beneath her, one hand resting upon the rough boulders, the other grasping her lamb, she peered down the surging stream.

There was a horseman at the lower ford making vain efforts to cross.

The horse reared and backed, evidently frightened at the swollen stream. But his rider urged him on with whip and spur, and at last he went in with a wild leap. Plunging furiously, he gained the opposite shore, but with such a frantic bound that the rider was thrown from the saddle. The horse galloped off in the direction of Maplethorp, but his master lay motionless.

Kelpie looked on breathlessly, uttering a low cry, and still clasping her lamb, darted over the rocks and down the shore of the creek. Before she reached him, or looked into his deathlike face, some subtle voice within told her it was Tom.

There he lay, his right arm doubled under him, the sharp edge of a rock piercing his temple.

Kelpie raised his head to her bosom, and held it there for an instant, as a fond mother might hold her bade, then with an unspoken prayer on her ashen lips, she caught up her lamb and darted off through the falling darkness with the speed of a swallow.

Help came in a very short time, and the injured man was placed on a litter and borne across the valley to his mother's cottage.

"He is not dead?" said Kelpie, confronting Dr. Talcott, when the brief examination was over.

The young man looked at the lovely duck face, pallid with suspense and agony, and in that minute he understood why it was that Kelpie had turned a deaf ear to all his ardent wooing.

"No, he is not dead," he answered, his eyes softening with pity. "I will save his life for your sake."

It was after midnight when Tom recovered consciousness.

"Where is Kelpie?" were his first words.

"You must not talk," said his mother. But he silenced her with a gesture.

"Call Kelpie."

And the girl came. He took her hands in his left one; his right lay bandaged and disabled by his side.

"I was coming to bring you good news," he said, a slight quiver stirring his firm lips; "that's what brought me. I have found your friends. You are no longer a waif. The man who put you at my mother's door is dead. I saw him die, and heard his confession. You stood between him and a great fortune, and he wanted you out of the way. He is dead, and the fortune is yours, and your mother will be in Maplethorp to-morrow and claim you."

The dark southern face grew fairly dazzling in its exceeding joy.

"Oh! thank God! thank God!" she said.

A shadow of intense pain filled Tom's eyes.

"How glad you are," he said.

"Yes, I am glad, very glad, Tom."

"Then I'll try to be glad for your sake," he answered hoarsely, and turned his face away.

Silence fell. The clock ticked on the mantle, and the cat purred before the hearth. Kelpie stood irresolute, great tears standing in her eyes. At last she stold to the bedside, and her slender brown hand, which had never touched Tom's only with the shy coy touch of a bird, fell softly upon his bandaged head.

He opened his eyes with a great start.

"Kelpie?"

"Yes, Tom."

Again there was a silence.

"Tom," the girl began at last, her starry eyes downcast, her red lips quivering."—"Tom, you remember that morning we parted, out yonder in the sheep fold?"

"Yes, I remember."

"You asked me for a promise then."

"And you refused it, wisely enough."

"Tom," and the soft, fluttering hand touched his forehead again, "if you have not changed your mind, ask me again, ask me now."

All bruised and bandaged as he was, the young fellow struggled up.

"Why, Kelpie, you don't mean——"

"Ask me and you shall see, Tom."

Something in her downcast face gave him courage. He caught the fluttering hand and held it fast.

"Ask you now, Rose? Oh, you know how I love you. I have loved you my whole life long. I shall love you till my dying day. But, Rose——"

"Do you want my promise, Tom?"

"Want it! I would die for it, Kelpie!"

She extended her other hand, and looked up at him, all her woman's heart in her shy eyes.

"Then it is yours, Tom. When you asked me before, I was nameless. I couldn't bear to think I might bring you shame some day; but, thank God, all that is past; I am——"

"You are what you have always been to me, Rose, the sweetest, purest creature God ever made; but you forget, dear child, your mother comes to-morrow, and you are an heiress."

"I forget nothing, Tom; if I were the Queen on her throne, I should say the same thing. I am yours, if you really want me."

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Two men disputed about their powers of endurance, and one said testily to the other: "I bet you I can hold my leg in boiling water longer than you can." "Done," said the other, and the steaming water was brought. In went the legs, No. 1 with an air of defiance, No. 2 with an edifying serenity. No. 1 began to wince; No. 2 called calmly for the newspaper. No. 1 began to find it intolerable; No. 2 smiled at the humor of the paper. "In heaven's name," at last exclaimed No. 1, exasperated by the heat of the water and the coolness of his antagonist, "what is your leg made of?" "Wood," sententiously replied the other.

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"I understand," said a distinguished county politician, of Dutch Flat, walking into the office of the local newspaper, revolver in hand, "I understand that you called me a liar in your newspaper yesterday." "So I did, my dear sir," replied the editor, without looking up; "but I only said you were a *campaign* liar." "Oh, is that all?" exclaimed the molified intruder, and, after tendering the guardian of free speech his fine cut, he pocketed his artillery and walked out.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

It is estimated that there are 30,000 square miles of heavy pine forest in Florida, which, in view of the prospective timber famine, will annually increase in value.

The American Manufacturer says: "The South is passing through an industrial revolution from which she will emerge crowned with the diadem of wealth, power and prosperity."

Major Blackwell, superintendent of operations in Virginia for the Pennsylvania Steel Company, commenced mining on the Hale property, at Rocky Mount, last week. Capt. John C. Conton in charge, is associated with Captain Watts.

The Lynchburg *Advance* notices as one of the good signs of the times that most of the cotton goods and plainer grades of woolen kept in stock by the first-class Lynchburg dry goods dealers are manufactured in the South. The canned goods also show Virginia names. This shows a rapid improvement in the right direction.

Before the civil war the exports of pecan nuts from Indianola, Texas, were reported at $100,000; now it is estimated that the amount annually gathered exceeds $2,000,000 in value. But little care, however, has been taken of the trees: in fact, in many localities, trees fifty to one hundred years old have been cut down to secure the nuts. With pcoper care of the trees and systematic gathering of the crop, it is believed that $10,000,000 could be annually realized.

In mica and corundum, Western North Carolina now forms the store-house of the world. Graphite is also widely distributed throughout the State, and specimens have been found in Burke, Yancey, Catawba, Person, Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln counties. There is a most extensive bed in Wake county which runs in a northeasterly and southwesterly direction; is from sixteen to eighteen miles in length, and of an average thickness of two to four feet.—It has been partially developed, and is of good quality. All the minerals used in manufacturing arts are found in North Carolina in immense quantities.

The Chattanooga *Tradesman* announces that the Woodstock Iron Company, of Alabama, has bought the furnace, real estate and stock of the Alabama Iron Company, located ten miles south of Anniston. Since its inception this furnace has been making a high grade of cold-blast char coal iron. A cash payment of $100,000 has been made. This trade gives the Woodstock Iron Company three furnaces, all making car wheel iron, and an estate of 40,000 acres of wood and mineral lands, with control of the finest deposits of brown iron ores in the south, and removes the only obstacle of the most perfect and successful enterprise in the southern States.

Wisdom.

Defer not till to-morrow to be wise:

To-morrow's sun to thee may never rise.
—*Congreve.*

A favor well bestowed is almost as great an honor to him who confers it as to him who receives it.

Thou wilt be great only in proportion as thou art gentle and courageous to subdue thy passions.—*Fenelon.*

We can not help thinking that when a head is filled with ideas, some of them will involuntarily ooze out.—*Eliza Leslie.*

There is much complaining now at the high price of wheat, potatoes, etc., but nothing is said about the high price of beer, whiskey, and potations.

A skeptical hearer once said to a Baptist minister: "How do you reconcile the teachings of the Bible with the latest conclusious of science?" "I haven't seen this morning's paper," naively replied the minister; "what are latest conclusions of modern science?"

Socrates introduced ethics, and taught duties, and then finally Plato asserted, or reasserted, the idea of a God, the maker of the world. The measure of human philosophy was thus full, when Christianity came to add what before was wanting—assurance.—*Coleridge.*

—No man
And no woman of right should the coming days scan
With foreboding. The present is ours; and the rest,—
That is God's He will care for his own as is best;
And our watching is worthless, our dread is in vain. —*Dr. Holland.*

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HOW THE CHINESE LIVE.—At a regular meeting of the San Francisco board of health last week, Dr. Murphy said during the past year about 20,000 men had arrived at San Francisco from China for the purpose of learning trades, and had not, as it was alleged, left the city; that notwithstanding the boundaries of Chinatown had not been extended, they had all found room in Chinatown. It had been impossible to enforce the cubic air law, as there are no prison accommodations for the offenders. Owing to the cramped condition of the living of the Chiness in Chinatown about 600 of them died annually of consumption. Chinatown is in a worse condition to-day than ever it was before. He had counted twenty-one men in a room eleven feet square, making cigars. These men, he said, slept in the same room.

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THE FASTER FOOLED.—Miss Violett, the lady who started out on the 5th of November to starve herself to death, is still living, but her determination to persist in her suicidal course is unshaken. She has taken but one glass of milk during the fifty-nine days of her fast, and that she took by accident. Some of her friends were sitting up with her a few nights ago, when she asked for some water. Instead of giving her water she was furnished with milk, which she drank before discovering the mistake. This trick greatly annoyed her, and she became very much excited. The attending physician says Miss Violett will not live, no matter how much food she takes; that she will live on the medicine she is taking until her blood dries up.—*Alexandria Gazette.*

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[Saginaw Daily News.]

Mr George Schick informed our reporter, that he had been suffering with rheumatism in his feet so badly, that for weeks at a time he would be unable to leave his bed. He tried various remedies without relief, and concluded to use St. Jacobs Oil. It acted like magic. In two days he was entirely cured.

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All pleasure must be bought at the price of pain. The difference between false and true pleasure is put thus: for the true the price is paid before you enjoy it; for the false, after you enjoy it.

OUR DAILY RECKONING.

If you sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have done,
And counting, find,
One self-denying act, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard;
One glance most kind,
That fell like sunshine where it went,
Then you may count *that* day well spent.

But, if through all the livelong day
You've cheered no heart by yea or nay;
If, through it all,
You've nothing done, that you can trace,
That brought the sunshine to one face;
No act most small,
That helped some soul, and nothing cost,
Then count *that* day as *worse* than lost!

The Very Sad Tale of a New-Year's Day Young Man.

Cmyth Van Dyke stood before his mirror yesterday morning adjusting his breast-protecting scarf. He had just inserted the prize-package diamond pin, and was viewing the reflection with evident pride. He had on his extra-tight-fitting, double-seamed trowsers; while his too shortly cut cutaway lay over the foot-board of his bed waiting to be moulded on his manly form. Altogether, he was a budding, happy-New-Year young man. He turned with a sigh from the glass, and with difficulty arrayed his body in the aforesaid utterly utter coat. Taking up an envelope, he drew out a pair of orange kid gloves, double-stitched and embroidered backed. He was about to don his broad-brim brown Derby—the latest—when there was a rap at the door.

"Cmyth, dear."

"Ya as, ma."

"I have a $100 bill I wish you would change for me."

Cmyth felt in every pocket, and at last exclaimed, "Really, ma, I haven't got the exact change."

Mrs. Van Dyke then, in persuasive tones, informed her eldest born and hope that she was greatly in need of the change, and that she would have to trouble him to run around the corner to the grocery and get the bill changed. Cmyth was somewhat crestfallen as he left the house by the back door, but he was much richer in pocket. It was just after 12 o'clock, and the corner-grocery man had decided to give his errand boy a holiday, and had closed. So Cmyth walked on a block or two, looking for a shop of any proportion that would warrant his entering and asking the owner to change a $100 bill. At last he saw a seductive-looking sign, reading "Saloon." Cmyth had always heard that saloon-keepers were rich, and on a holiday he thought he might be able to get the bill changed, so he entered. "Ma won't mind my spending fifteen cents to get it changed," he mused as he watched the bar-tender ladle out several glasses of egg-nog. When he had finished, he turned to Van Dyke and smiled a happy New-Year smile, and rubbed his hands. Cmyth meekly asked for a glass of "the same," and gulped it down in a hurry, and handed out the $100 bill. The bar-keeper looked at it. Pulled out his cash-drawer, ran his hands through the silver, and looked up. "Got anything smaller?" "Not a cent," was Cmyth's reply. "Really, I'm sorry, but I can't change that. When you are passing some time drop in and pay me;" and he turned to his next customer.

Cmyth left and walked another block. It was getting late, and his mother was waiting for the change. He saw another seductive sign and entered. The man behind the counter was as smiling as ever, and dipped out the egg-nog with the same grace as the others, and Van Dyke drank it with the same celerity and, produced the $100 bill. The man picked it up, turned it over, found it was good, and mildly remarked, "Got anything smaller?"

Cmyth made his answer, and the saloon-keeper remarked, "Sorry can't change; call in again and pay me."

Van Dyke left in disgust. He next tackled a cigar store, bought a 25-cent cigar, lighted it, and produced the $100. The tobacconist was knocked cold. "You'll be passing this way later; just drop in and pay me then. It'll be all the same."

Van Dyke inwardly "cussed" the $100 bill. Seductive signs began to come in very close proximity. Every one of the bar-tenders had the same beautiful New-Year smile; all seemed happy until that $100 bill was produced. It cast a gloom over everything and everybody. No one had the exact change, and poor Cmyth began to lose track of the various places he had to call back and settle. At last he came to one gloriously lighted up; at least he thought so, for each light burned double and swung in a circle. The only trouble he found with the floor was that it was sloped to one side too much. The identical bar-keeper that he had seen ten times before stood behind the marble counter. There was that child-like smile, that charming grace of movement, and that diamond pin!

"S'give s'me g-lass of s'egg-nog," and Cmyth leaned against the counter. He drank it. "Se-et 'em up s'again," he murmured, as he finished one glass. The accommodating young man did so, and Van Dyke drank it and produced the $100 bill and flung it on the counter. "Don't you say s'you can't schange it," he said, "for I'se got s'to go back s'to s'too many s'places already."

"Very sorry. I need all my change. Just call back to-morrow and settle it. No matter now," said the clerk; and he left to attend to his business.

Poor Van Dyke! It was late in the afternoon. He had visited nearly every saloon, and had egg-nog at every place, yet he had not paid a cent for it. He wandered about for an hour or so. New-Year calls were out of the question. It was about 11 o'clock last night when he found himself—or rather he was found—in Monument Square, and asking the hackman to change a $100 bill. At last the policeman took him in charge and put him in a hack and sent him home. When he was driven up to the door the hackman helped him out. Cmyth produced the $100 bill and incoherently asked something about changing—egg-nog and calling back again. As he walked up the steps a female form opened the door. Van Dyke held out the $100 bill to her and exclaimed, "S'can you schange s'me a-a $100——" The door opened wide suddenly, and a form in very tight trowsers and very short coat and very broad-brim brown hat disappeared inside. The hackman saw no more.—*Baltimore American.*

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RHEUMATIC DISEASES.—These ailments follow from torpid liver and costive bowels; the skin, bowels and kidneys failing in their proper work, an acrid poison is formed in the blood, which is the occasion of these acute diseases. Kidney-Wort produces healthy action of all secretive organs, and throws off the rheumatic poison.—Equally efficient in liquid or dry form.—*Inter-Ocean.*

FUN.

When an arm of the sea encircles a neck of land, look out for fishing smacks.

A New York reporter, in describing a railway disaster, says: "This unlooked-for accident came upon the community unawares."

When little Minnie was two years old she asked for some water, one night. When it was brought, she said, "Papa, can't you get me some fresh water? This tasts a little withered."

"What is the meaning of the word 'tantalizing?'" "Please, marm," spoke up little Johnny Holcomb, "it means circus procession passing the school-house, and the scholars not allowed to look out."—*Chicago Journal.*

A young English lady who is doing the Alps reports progress to her guardian: "I tried to climb the Matterhorn; didn't reach the top. It's absurdly high; everything is high in this country. Please send me some money."

A shirt has two arms, the same as pantaloons having two legs. Yet one is called a pair and the other one. Isn't it time that we let up on astronomy, and pay more attention to the everyday trifles that vex the clearest minds?—*Detroit Free Press.*

"There's one thing I like about the New Version," said old Blunderbuss. "That ere text about 'the boy being father of the man' is felt out all together. I alwas thought that was wrong end to." And he didnt know why the smile went round.—*New Haven Register.*

"Father," asked little Johnny, "when you was a boy did you use to think what a great man you would be when you grew up?" "I suppose so," said his father, "why do you ask that?" "I don't know," replied Johnny, "only I heard you say last night that life was full of disappointments; that was all."

That worthy and witty divine, Thomas Fuller, was a man of considerable substance as well as spirit, and one day riding with a friend named Sparrowhawke, he thought to chaff him after the manner of the ancients. "Pray, what is the difference," quoth he, "between an owl and a sparrow-hawk?" "Oh," retorted the other, "most everyway; an owl is fuller in the head, fuller in the body, and fuller all over."

The Mistake of an Office-Seeker on a Western Railroad Train.

On Sunday last, when Senator Jones reached Ogden, the train had no sooner stopped than a Salt Lake man jumped on and inquired for Senator Jones. The darky, who was something of a wag, pointed out a long-bearded individual who was in the sleeper, and the man rushed up and grasped him by the hand, with: "Well, Senator, old pard, how are you?"

The man thus addressed took in the situation at a glance, and determined to make the most of it. He extended his hand with a cordial grip and said:

"Take a seat, old boy. What can I do for you?"

"Don't s'pose you'll go back on the man that mined with you on Rocky Bar, will ye?"

"That's hardly my style, is it?"

"Well, no; but it's so long since we met that I didn't know but what you might have sorter forgot the old boys."

"Didn't you loan me a horse once to get out of Arizona? And when the—"

"Well, I did, and a mighty good piece o' horse flesh it was. I paid $500 for it the week before."

"Did you think I'd forget that? It's lived in my memory ever since."

"You say the red nag is still alive?"

"I can't say that; but Colonel, my gratituded is still in a healthy state, and I'm right on top with the Administration. Now, what do you want?"

"Is the marshalship of Utah filled?"

"The office isn't worth having, Colonel. I was thinking that some sort of a foreign mission might better suit you. Say Plenipotentiary to France; you speak elegant French, you know."

"I can throw the whole language down and walk on it."

"Do you believe that the Mormons have *vigueur de dessus* lately?"

"I do; they're just covered with it."

"But speaking of that lone *un dien fait n'est jamais perdu.*"

"That's what I do, jam 'em right to the wall. *E pluribus unum*, as they say in Paris."

Just then a man on the seat behind snickered a little, and the office-seeker turned round as the man who was talking French rose up and remarked:

"Tell me your name and I'll introduce you to Senator Jones."

The office-seeker did not wait to reveal his name; but gathering his hat up hastily left the car on the run, as the porter called out:

"Massa, how'd ye make out with Jones?"

Population of the Virginias and of the United States.

Bulletin 271 of the the 10th census presents the "final official figures of the population of the United States at the 10th census." From that we gather the following population figures for Virginia, West Virginia and the United States in 1880. The Indians are only those subjected to taxation.

	Virginia.	W. Va.	U. S.
Total..	1,512,565	618,457	50,155,783
Males..	745,589	314,595	25,518,820
Female	766,976	303,962	24,536,963
Native.	1,497,869	600,192	43,475,840
Forei'n	14,696	18,265	6,679,943
White.	880,858	592,537	43,402,970
Color'd.	631,616	25,886	5,580,793
Chin'se	6	5	105,465
Indians	85	29	66 407

The exact population of Virginia in 1870 was 1,225,163, so it gained 287,402 between 1870 and 1880, or nearly 23½ per cent. West Virginia had 442,014 in 1870, so it gained 176,443, or just about 40 per cent. The population of the United States in 1870 was 38,558,371, so it gained 11,597,412, or about 30 per cent.

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God's commandments hang together; they are knit and woven together like a fine web, wherein you cannot loosen a single stitch without danger of unraveling the whole. If a man lives in the breach of any one of God's commandments, if he allows himself to indulge in any one sin, none can tell where he will stop. There is no letting any one devil into our souls without the risk of going and fetching "seven other devils wickeder than himself;' and the purer the house may hitherto have been, the more eager will they be to come and lodge in it.

Fundamental Principles.

Whatever affects injuriously the moral tone of a community, affects its material condition injuriously; for solid and enduring prosperity can not exist without a healthy mental status. There may be evidences of wealth, so far as warehouses filled with costly merchandise and private houses elegantly furnished and decorated, but these may be evidences only of moral decay, inasmuch as the rich merchandise and palatial mansions may be the creatures of selfishness, greed, and vanity, and only to be indulged in by a few pampered ones; while the masses of the people may be ignorant, oppressed, and lacking in the very necessaries of life.

"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a pray,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

Rome, in the days of the Cæsars, is deemed to have been at the zenith of her power—her power as a severe and cruel mistress of conquered nations, but was far from the zenith of her real prosperity: that had long passed away—even with the vigorous and frugal activities of her youth. The canker of luxury and the ulcer of vice were destroying the foundations of her national existence. In the midst of materail splendor she was rapidly declining, because morally she was full of rottenness.

Who can regard that people happy and prosperous who tolerate any system or practice which, in its very nature, is antagonistic to every principle of virtue and physical integrity? Who can say that a community is wisely governed when individuals, singly or in corporation, are permited to carry on enterprises which enrich them while they impoverish the majority? To day in America wealth is appearently fast becoming the most powerful leaver in political and social life. It is establishing a caste or class among us more arbitrary than the aristocracy of the old world, since its disposition is to look upon the poor not only as inferiors, but as servants or dependents. There seems to be looming up in the near horizon of our national life a grave contest—call it social or industrial, or what you will—between the rich and the poor: a struggle on the part of the former to secure what selfishness and greed have extorted from the producting classes, and a struggle on the part of the latter to escape from the tyranny of rich, and to obtain a full recognition of their rights as human beings and citizens in a common state.

There are many questions, moral and physical, pressing for solution, and thoughtful men see in this coming struggle an effort for their adjustment, and their settlement, and their settlement upon grounds of justice and right will be essential to the future perpetuity of our special institutions, and to the harmony of the people.

The grand principles declared by our constitutional law have among them as a primary axiom the equality of man; and this axiom it is that, like boiling lava deep within the caverns of the volcano, now and then makes the whole social fabric tremble and threatens an outburst which may destroy the whole body politic. We who have wealth and we who have power in the affairs of business or in the civil service too easily forget this axiom, and incline to regard ourselves as superior to the artisan and the private citizen, and, therefore, more entitled to respect and honor than they; indeed, we easily get into the habit of expecting them to honor and obey us. We somehow incline to regard them as dependents, almost subjects, who should be very grateful for any concessions, whereas we are dependent upon their industry and practical integrity, for our wealth, our comforts, our places. In their skillful hands the resources of the country become available to the man of money and the civil officer. If usefulness were taken as the measure of worth, where would the attribute of superiority rest? We trow that the crusty Diogenes of antiquity and the splenetic Carlyle of our day would not place arrogant Money-bags or haughty Demagogue above the salt.—*Phrenological Journal.*

Tim's Kit.

It surprised the shiners and newsboys around the postoffice the other day to see "Limpy Tim" come among them in a quiet way and hear him say:

"Boys, I want to sell my kit. Here's two brushes, a hull box of blacking, a good stout box, and the outfit goes for two shillins!"

"Goin' away, Tim?" queried one.

"Not zactly, boys, but I want a quarter the awfulest kind just now."

"Goin' on a 'scursion?" asked another.

"Not to day, but I must have a quarter," he answered.

One of the lads passed over the change, and took the kit, and Tim walked straight to the counting-room of a daily paper, put down his money and said:

"I guess I kin write if you give me a pencil"

With slow-moving fingers he wrote a death notice. It went into the paper almost as he wrote it, but you might not have seen it. He wrote:

"DIED.—Litul Ted—of scarlet fever; aiged 3 yers. Funeral to-morrow, gon up to Hevin; left won brother."

"Was it your brother?" asked the cashier.

Tim tried to brace up, but he couldn't. The big tears came up, his chin quivered and he pointed to the notice on the counter, and gasped:

"I—I had to sell my kit to do it, b—but he had his arms aroun' my neck when he d—died!"

He hurried away home, but the news went to the boys, and they gathered in a group and talked. Tim had not been home an hour before a bare-footed boy left the kit on the door-step, and in the box was a bouquet of flowers which had been purchased in the market by pennies contributed by the crowd of ragged, but big-hearted urchins. Did God ever make a heart which would not respond if the right cord was touched?—*Exchange.*

Mineral and Lumber Trafic of the Va. Midland R. R.

Mr. F. T. Hawks, General Freight Agent of the Virginia Midland Railroad, has kindly furnished the following quantities, in tons of 2,000 pounds, of the lumber and minerals carried over that railway from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1881:

	N-bound	S-bound	Total.
Lumber...	21,721	9,139	30,860
Iron Ore..	15,223	8,298	23,521
Copper Ore	30	....	30
Gold Ore..	7	....	7
Manganese	31	....	31
Barytes...	1,989	38	2,027
Totals..	39,001	17,475	56,476

A book with a loose leaf should be bound over to keep the peace.

OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 12, 1882

We have our contempt for proselytes, but we need not express it.

We may be a Bourbon, but we prefer that prefix to that of *knave*.

Dr. J. M. Blanton has been made commissioner of agriculture in place of Dr. Thomas Pollard, who was a very capable officer.

The evidence in the Guiteau trial has been closed and the argument before the jury has commenced. The verdict will be given probably in a few days.

The revolution is going on, and a number who six months ago thought themselves strictly first-class people are only, after all, the puppets of a master political Virginian.

The Baltimore *Gazette*—both daily and weekly—is still in existence and is published regularly. We commend it as soundly Democratic. Try either edition—it is safe as a councillor.

It is rather strange to see members of Congress, professing to be Democrats all their lives, endorsing in the strongest terms the *National Republican*, of Washington, a stalwart paper of the most ultra kind.

Are we fools or knaves, is a pertinent question? Let each one ask himself. For ourselves we know where we stand. Wait. A short time will tell you what you are. Between public rascality and public honesty there is but one choice.

We are Democratic throughout. We repose on principle. We play on no names, for Fagan in the play, miser, robber, thief, devil, sailed under very pious colors when on the change or engaged in trade. Democracy is not just a name, it is a verity with us. Quacks are abroad, and quack medicines, even St. Jacobs Oil, has its base imitations.

No, no, gentlemen. We are watching—quietly watching—but not going back. The political situation is badly mixed, and at the proper time we will speak out. Those who follow the future views of this paper will come out all right. At least they will have the conscious satisfaction of being honest before God and man, something that will never be felt by many of the graceless political scamps and freebooters, who are at this hour rejoicing in a short-lived triumph. Bide your time, friends, the right will prevail in the end.

We have lived long enough, and seen enough of curious political tangles, not to be dismayed by the temporary triumph of those who delight in declaring they are our enemies. They may be. If so, time will tell. But enemies or not, the time is coming when they will get a black eye that will startle them. Know-Nothingism, Plug-Uglyism, Kearneyism, Greenbackers and Carpet-baggers, have all had their day of triumph and robbery, of thievery, corruption, shame to the country, of oppression, wrong and outrage, but in the end the quiet, sober rule of honesty, intelligence and purity will prevail, and all these demoniac influences will after a while be sent back howling to their infamous dens, from which they only emerge periodically for treason to decency and morality. Wait.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL—A NEW LIBRARY BUILDING—SWAMPS TO BE TURNED INTO GARDENS—A NEW EXECUTIVE MANSION WANTED.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10, 1882.

There seems to be a very general impression among interested citizens in Washington and also among legislators, that this Congress will make large appropriations for the improvement and beautification of the National Capital. Millions have been appropriated, within the last ten years, for the streets, parks, public edifices, and monuments of Washington, and the Capital City has grown from a straggling southern village to majestic urban proportions, with such facilities for walking and driving as no other American city posesses, and such resources for the scholor, the litterateur, and the artist, as can be found in only the largest cities of the world. By far, the largest library on this side the globe is the Congressional Library, and when to this is added the law libraries of the House and of the Senate, the respective libraries purchased by the Government for the various departments, the technical libraries of the Smithsonian Institution and of the Medical Museum, it will be readily seen that there is here an immense accumulation of books, and it only need be added that these books are accessible to every citizen of the United States. So great is the accumulation of books in the National Library, that the rooms in the Capital, where they have been stored, are no longer able to hold them, and it has become necessary to build a new library. This Congress will, most probably, make an appropriation for this purpose, and another architectural monument will be added to the groups of marble palaces in Washington.

A bill has been introduced appropriating a million of dollars for the improvement of the pestiferous marshes, that besiege this city with an armament more subtle and deadly than could possibly be brought by foreign or domestic foe. The work will cost much more than a million, but other appropriations will, doubtless, be made from year to year, and, when these marshes shall have been turned into parks or lakes, the last obstacle in the way of the health and growth of this city will have been removed.

Among the other improvements which the forty-seventh Congress may be expected to undertake, is the erection of a new presidential mansion. The old White House is unfit for longer use as a Presidential residence. Indeed, it has not, for many years, been suitable for such occupancy. It is literally packed with vermin from celler to garret. Defective plumbing, and the influence of an unhealthy location have saturated it with the seeds of disease. It survived its usefulness as a residence long ago, and, although it might be utilized for the business offices connected with the Presidency, it should be excused from further service as a home for Presidents and their families.

GOV. CAMERON'S MESSAGE.

He Urges the Carrying Out of the Riddleberger Bill Measures—No Repudiation of Any Just Obligation—True Mode of Estimating Them—No Increased Rate of Taxation.

RICHMOND, VA., January 6.—Gov. Cameron sent in his first message to the General Assembly to-day. In it he recommends the adoption, without unnecessary delay, of measures of the public obligations upon the basis set forth in the act passed by the last General Assembly and known as the "Riddleberger bill." Great misrepresentation exists, he says, as to the purpose of the people of Virginia in regard to the final settlement of all controversy concerning the State debt. As he understands the views and will of the people, they do not intend to repudiate any just obligation, but to assume and pay that portion of the principal which is properly chargeable to the present State of Virginia and to restore all classes of creditors to a plane of equality. The true indebtedness of the State, he says, should be determined by computing the full interest to date of settlement from the period when Virginia lost control of and ceased to draw revenue from the territory embraced in West Virginia; second by crediting against the sum total of the principal and interest so obtained the acknowledged payments on both accounts made by Virginia since the partition of her territory. If this shall be done and provision made for liquidation of the amount so found to be due, no charge of repudiation can be laid at the door of the people of this Commonwealth as to the rate of interest which can and should be paid on the principal so ascertained and assumed.—The Governor says all parties in the State are agreed that the present rate of taxation cannot be increased, and that careful estimates establish the proposition that 3 per cent. is the largest rate of interest that can be provided for with certainty.

The Governor continues: "We are supported in this conclusion, not only by the financial experience of many years, but also by the fact that the proposed interest is as great as the average rate paid by the debtor class of the world on public securities at the present day."

The question of mixed schools requires no discussion. No class of citizens desires them, and I am satisfied that a change in the present arrangement would operate injuriously. We are encouraged to hope that at no distant day we shall receive substantial assistance from the national government on the suffrage question. He believes public sentiment overwhelmingly in favor of the repeal of the constitutional requirement to the payment of a capitation tax as a prerequisite to voting. As a revenue measure it is a failure and in principle it is wrong. He recommends a careful revision of the registration laws and favors a new general registration of the votes of the State in the interest of a full and free expression of the popular will. Those views are advanced in the firm conviction that the settlement based on the general principles indicated above, to be applied with such details of method as your wisdom will supply, would meet the sanction of the people, which is essential to any settlement. It would satisfy all demands to honesty and result in eventual benefit of the bondholders. In that part of the message devoted to the public schools he alludes to diversion in the past of a considerably portion of the funds dedicated by the constitution to educational objects, and recommends immediate action to preserve the school fund from future invasion and to restore to it as speedily as practicable the amount which has been diverted. He favors the establishment of a colored normal school and says the education of this class of our community is a duty which we owe not only to them but to the State. Self-interest, if no higher motive, dictates that we spare no effort to fit them for citizenship.

The governor recommends the passage of mandatory provisions for the appointment of judges of election from opposing political parties, with penalties attached for failure in the appointing power to observe the requirements of the law, and permitting the presence of representatives of each party interested in the election while the vote is being received, canvassed, counted and certified. The Governor refers to the dangerous tendencies of combinations and monopolies. The government should enforce a practical recognition of the fact that the paramount obligation of railways is to the people. He commends in this connection the laws of other States, notably California and Georgia, regulating the railways within their borders. The Governor concludes by congratulating the General Assembly upon the peace existing within her borders, and the pregnant signs of more amicable relations between all sections of our common country. He says: "The assumption is not unwarranted that recent events in Virginia have served to give an emphatic impulse to the liberal sentiment throughout the land That a better era dawns upon us is well attested by the fact that for the first time in nearly a quarter of a century the President of the United States in his annual message to Congress finds no occasion to allude to sectional differences, nor is there any point at issue between this Commonwealth and the government of the United States to call for the discussion in this paper of Federal relations. Responding to the approach of a more perfect union, Virginia, always in the van of the great national events, furnishes a grave upon her soil for the vexed question of a color line. In politics, today Virginia stands before the world offering all the blessings of free citizenship and of absolute freedom in politics and religion to those who may seek her borders; appealing for a harmonious sisterhood of States in which sectionalism shall be unknown, and in each of which shall be illustrated a spirit of Americanism broad as the limits of the continent; she points the way by leading it, and by showing tolerance to every tolerant creed of party or church."

The Governor did not complete the preparation of his message until 2 p. m., when he sent it to the two houses; one—the House of Delegates—had adjourned. The message, however, was received by the Senate and read in that body.

LEGISLATIVE.

The Legislature has gone to work on the Court of Appeals, and Judges Moncure and Anderson will be retired from the Bench on account of age and physical inability. Judge Moncure will be retired upon full pay. In the election of their successors the Legislature will be careful to select men in accord with the political views of the majority of that body.

A Bill has been introduced to reorganize the Lunatic Asylums and various State Institutions, in order to afford Gov. Cameron an opportunity to turn out the appointers of Gov. Holliday by placing others in their stead. That sort of legislation may possibly "return to plague the inventors."

Many bills and resolutions are being presented and referred, but of no great special interest, except so far as they relate to the question of the public debt. When action is taken we will give the full reports.

All legislation seems to be directed to the furtherance of the political revolution, which is developing itself gradually.

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PATRICK H. RIED, &c., Def'ts.

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2. What liens resting thereon and their priority;
3. Any other matter that any person interested may require or to the commissioner seem pertinent."

Extract from vacation decree of January 10th, 1882.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Harrisonburg, Va., Jan. 11, 1882.

The parties to the above entitled cause and all others interested therein are hereby notified that I have fixed upon FRIDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1882, at my office in Harrisonburg, as the time and place of taking the foregoing accounts, when and where they are required to attend.

Given under my hand this 11th day of January, 1882.

WINFIELD LIGGETT,
Commissioner in Chancery.

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VIRGINIA TO WIT:—In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, on the 14th day of December, A. D., 1881;

Sarah Kemp..............Complainant
vs.
Isaac W. Brown and Robert Liskey.......Defendants

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to force a vendor's lien of a balance of $32.12, with interest thereon from September 7th, 1880, subject to a credit of $10, against the property situated on East-Market street, in Harrisonburg, Va., sold by said Sarah Kemp to said Brown, and by said Brown to said Robert Liskey.

And affidavit being made that the Defendant, Isaac W. Brown, is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and answer the Plaintiff's bill, or do what is necessary to protect his interest, and that a copy of this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the OLD COMMONWEALTH, a newspaper published in Harrisonburg, Va., and another copy thereof posted at the front door of the Court House of this county, on the first day of the next term of the County Court of said county.

Teste:—
J. H. SHUE, C. C. C. R. C.

Conrad, p. q.—dec22-4w

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

ELIZABETH HELLER, &c.,
vs.
C. A. YANCEY'S, ADM'R, &c.

In chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham Co.

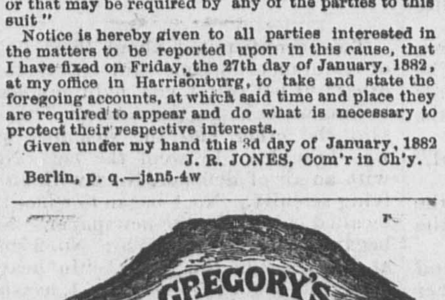
Extract from vacation decree of December 28th, 1881:—"It is adjudged, ordered and decreed that this cause be referred to one of the Commissioners of this Court, to ascertain and report the assets and liabilities of the estates of M. G. Harman, A. B. Irick, Charles A. Yancey and J. A. Loewenbach, and of the old American or Spotswood Hotel Company, composed of said Harman, Irick, Yancey and J. A. Loewenbach, and to settle their several accounts with said company, and to report such other matters as may be deemed pertinent to the issue by the Commissioner or that may be required by any of the parties to this suit"

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the matters to be reported upon in this cause, that I have fixed on Friday, the 27th day of January, 1882, at my office in Harrisonburg, to take and state the foregoing accounts, at which said time and place they are required to appear and do what is necessary to protect their respective interests.

Given under my hand this 3d day of January, 1882

J. R. JONES, Com'r in Ch'y.

Berlin, p. q.—jan5-4w



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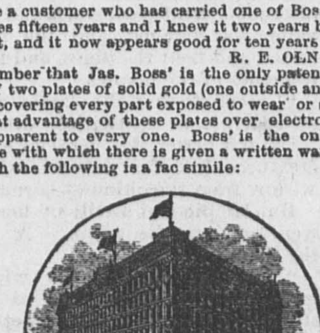

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On the 14th Day of January, 1882,

at 11 A. M., proceed to sell, at public auction, on the premises, at the residence of Mr. J. M. Weaver, the splendid farm known as "Lethe," lying on the Shenandoah River, in the Eastern part of Rockingham county, comprising (1). A Tract of 430 ACRES OF CLEARED LAND on the western bank of said river, of inexhaustible fertility, and in excellent cultivation, 200 acres of which are fine river bottom. (2. A Tract of 370 ACRES WOOD LAND lying immediately opposite and contiguous to the cleared tract, on the Western side of said river. The buildings consist of a LARGE BRICK DWELLING, Barn and other out-houses of convenient location and arrangement, all comparatively new. There are several Orchards of Choice Fruit, and 70 acres well set in grass. The growing wheat crop comprises 200 acres in good stand and promising growth, the landlord's interest in which will pass to the purchaser. The line of the Shenandoah Valley R. R. touches the boundary of the cleared tract, with depot at short distance. It is sufficient to say that this farm has long been considered by judges of real estate the finest body of land on the Shenandoah River.

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W. S. LURTY,
G. E. SIPE,
ED. S. CONRAD, } Com's.

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LEGAL.

VIRGINIA TO WIT:—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, on the 19th day of December, A. D., 1881.

Andrew Young..............Complainant
vs.
David H. Andrew et als..............Defendants

Whereas, at the May term, 1881, of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, Virginia, a rule was awarded, returnable to the 1st day of the next October term of said court, against Robert Black Adm'r of Jacob Andrew, David H. Andrew and Mary his wife, Franklin Dice and Mary his wife Noah Shifflett and Jane his wife, Jewett Taylor and Amanda his wife, and David Croushorn, requiring them to appear to show cause, if any they can, why the land, or a sufficient quantity, mentioned in said cause should not be sold to satisfy the balance of the vendor's lien due to Andrew Young, and to pay the balance of any costs that may be due in this cause; and it appearing from the Sheriff's return of said rule that David H. Andrew and Mary his wife are non-residents of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that they do appear here on the first day of the January term, 1882, of this Court, being the 25th day of January, 1882, and answer said rule, or do what is necessary to protect their interests, and that a copy of this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the OLD COMMONWEALTH, a newspaper published in Harrisonburg, Va., and another copy thereof posted at the front door of the Court House of this county, on the first day of the next term of the County Court of said county.

Teste:
J. H. SHUE, C. C. C. R. C.

Lurty & Lurty, p. q. dec22-4t

VIRGINIA TO WIT:—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, on the 27th day of December, A. D., 1881,

John E. Roller..............Complainant
vs.
Jacob W. Zirkle, D. H. Rolston, S. R. C., and as such Administrator of John Scanlon, dec'd, Mary Scanlon, B. Scanlon, and the unknown heirs of John Scanlon, dec'd, Emanuel Royer, Jane Wilson and Robert Wilson, Henry Atkinson, Conrad H. Long and Harrison Green, Stephen Hughes, George Herman, Squire Pollard and Jesse Banks, Trustees, and the Town of Harrisonburg..............Defendants

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to recover of the defendant, J. W. Zirkle, $271.65, with interest thereon from the 9th day of October, 1876, at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, till paid, being the balance due on a judgment held by the complainant vs said J. W. Zirkle, and to enforce the lien of said judgment against the real estate of the said J. W. Zirkle now or heretofore owned by him, subject to said lien.

And affidavit being made that the defendants B. Scanlon and the unknown heirs of Jno. Scanlon, dec'd, are non-residents of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that they do appear here within one month after due publication of this Order, and answer the Plaintiff's bill, or do what is necessary to protect their interests, and that a copy of this Order be published for four successive weeks in the OLD COMMONWEALTH, a newspaper published in Harrisonburg, Va., and another copy thereof posted at the front door of the Court House of this county, on the first day of the next term of the County Court of said county.

Teste: J. H. SHUE, C. C. C. R. C.

J. E. & O. B. R., p. q. [dec29-4w

VIRGINIA TO WIT:—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, on the 28th day of December, A. D., 1881.

John E. Roller..............Complainant
vs.
Mary Nicholas, Moses E. Carrier and Rebecca J. Carrier his wife, C. E. Nicholas, in his own right and as committee of Mary Nicholas, and Ida B. Nicholas his wife, Granville Eastham, B. G. Patterson, Josiah Landes and Mary W. Wright and her husband Dr. J. F. Wright..............Defendants

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to subject the interest in real estate now, or heretofore, belonging to the defendants Mary Nicholas and Moses E. Carrier to the payment of certain judgment liens held by the complainant against them.

And affidavit being made that the Defendants, C. E. Nicholas and Ida B. Nicholas his wife, are non-residents of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that they do appear here within one month after due publication of this Order, and answer the Plaintiff's bill, or do what is necessary to protect their interests, and that a copy of this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the OLD COMMONWEALTH, a newspaper published in Harrisonburg, Va., and another copy thereof posted at the front door of the Court House of this county, on the first day of the next term of the County Court of said county.

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J. E. & O. B. Roller, p. q.—dec29—4w.

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The Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Harrisonburg have presented to the old well-known Cashier, C. C. Strayer, Esq., a handsome and comfortable chair, as a slight token of their esteem for him personally and his high official integrity.

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Twenty-eight years is a long time, and when we think of the millions of dollars handled by Mr. S. in his official capacity, and without the loss to either the Bank or its customers of a single dollar, we give an instantaneous view of acharacter worthy of emulation. The chair as an article of value is not anything as a reward for the fidelity of a lifetime. Nor would Mr. Strayer accept it as such. His integrity needs no reward. That springs from an honest heart—and he feels no desire as he never expected any reward, save that high reward of a clear conscience, for he, like every other honest man, feels that he has only performed his duty in his life work.

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What was Done Then and There.

The 139th monthly (being the semi-annual Grand) Distribution of the Louisiana State Lottery took place the 13th day of December as usual. $100,000, the first capital prize, fell to ticket No. 94,982, which was sold in tenths of $10,000 each, one of which was collected be J. Droutt of the Firemen's Ins. Co. of New Orleans; one by W. G. McConnell, Toledano St., near St. Charles St., New Orleans; one by Miss Mary J. Biggins, a nurse in J. L. Kidwell's family, Prospect and Frederick Sts., Wasnington, D. C.; two-tenths, or $20,000, by A. Z. Acherman, a farmer at Milford, Del.; the remaining tenths or ($50,000) were held by parties who did not desire any publicity given to their names. The second prize of $50,000 was drawn by No. 82,872. The third by No. 69,702. The fourth of $10,000 each, by Nos. 70,132, one-half held by William Page, 2,022 Carson St., Pittsburg, Pa., and 92,388, drawn in tenths—two of which ($2,000) were held by George H. Theard, No. 261 Royal St., New Orleans; one by P. T. Simpson, No. 61 Royal St. New Orleans; one by Capt. Thos. Wall, No 36 Palmyra St., New Orleans; two-tenths by L. De Poorter, of Edgard P. O., St. John the Baptist Parish, La. The fifth capitals of $5,000 each drawn by No. 27,460, wholly held by J. M. Walker, Danville, Va., and Nos. 43,290, 4,669, 90,267, sold in tenths, fell to Geo. A. Bright, Carmi, Ill.; Jno. M. Reux, No. 3,230 North N St., Georgetown, D. C.; W. H. Portlock, through W. P. Campbell & Co., Bankers, Florence, Ala.; G. A. MacDonald of New York city; Jas. Casey, also of New York city; F. Sites, No. 607 W. Girard ave., Phila., Pa.; Jno. H. Skidmore, No. 30 Cross St. (Charlestown), Boston, Mass.; besides many other thousands of dollars. The full list of prizes and any more information can be had by writing to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La., before the 14th of February, when the next (the 141st) monthly drawing will occur. It costs only $2 to buy a whole ticket, or $1 a half.

DEATH OF A USEFUL CITIZEN.—At about 12 o'clock, Friday night, Dec. 30th, 1881, Jacob Minnick, Esq., departed this life at his residence, near Plains' Mills, Rockingham county, Va., aged 79 years, 11 months and a few days.

Mr. Minnick was an industrious, honest, frugal citizen. He was a mechanic of considerable ingenuity, and originated and successfully completed several very useful contrivances. He was identified with the best interests of the community and did much towards their development. On last Sunday he was buried at Rader's Church, Rockingham county, Va., where funeral services, amidst a large congregation, were rendered by Elders Abraham Shank and Samuel Myers. Mr. Minnick was a member of the Mennonite Church for about 4 years.—*New Market Valley, Jan. 6.*

Inventors and all interested in patents, should address Soule & Co., Washington, D. C., for important information free.—Mention this paper.

Letter from George Chrisman, Esq.

TO THE FARMERS OF ROCKINGHAM:—

At the request of several gentlemen, I propose to the farmers and breeders of draft horses to form a company and buy the best thoroughbred stallion that can be had of one or other of the best draft breeds: Clydesdale, English draft, Percheron or Norman, as the majority of the company may prefer. The choice out of one hundred of the best imported Percheron stallions, three years old and over, can be had now at $2,000. I have not yet heard from the breeders and importers of the English draft and Clydesdales, but presume they are no higher, and probably not quite so high.

All our farmers know what a horse market Harrisonburg has become, and see the difference in the prices between large, heavy horses of good style, bone and action and our common little horses, and how much more demand there is at high prices for the best than for the common class.

The way to get the high priced horses is to breed for them, by using the very best thoroughbred stallions on the mares we have. We can raise in this county as good draft horses as are raised in any country, if we will use the means. The best stallions of the best draft horse breeds cost too much money for any one of our farmers to invest in a horse. If he should die the loss would be felt too severely by one man, but if twenty or thirty of our large farmers would make up the sum, the loss would not be felt if any accident should occur. Then his usefulness to the county would be much greater with the influence of so many good farmers in his favor, than if only one owned him. I am far from thinking the investment will not be a paying one to those interested.

'Sam Purdy," Capt. Daingerfield's trotting horse, has earned over $2,100 during the last year, and surely draft horses of the best type are more needed in this county and meet with more ready and more general sale than trotters. Capt. Daingerfield gave me this information on condition I would make his patrons pay up. Come, gentlemen, it is a shame to withhold from such a public spirited gentleman as the Captain that which he needs for the support of those fine children of his. I have no children, your trying to starve me for my efforts to improve your stock is bad enough, but to starve out such a clever, public spirited gentleman as Capt. Daingerfield, with a whole house full of among the finest children in the Valley, is too bad, even for Rockingham. Do not begin your readjustment on him; he has, himself, readjusted his charges to about 33⅓ cents in the dollar for the services of such a horse. He cannot stand much more. I wish his purse was as large as his great big heart, and his love for fine stock, so he could give you the services of his horse, but it is not, and you must pay up. He is a "Johnny Reb," and cannot stand readjustment like the bloated bond-holders. The worst of it all is, I fear the most of the fellows that are not paying up are debt-payers and funders.

From my three or four years experience with draft stallions, I know the feeling to improve our horse stock is growing rapidly. The first year I had the Clydesdale stallion, "Waukegan," in this county he served twenty seven mares; the last year, one hundred.

I will leave the subscription list at the First National Bank, and those who wish to join this company can go there and put down their names. I will make the shares one hundred dollars each, and if any one thinks this is too much for him, let him get some one to join him and take half of it. Whatever is done should be done quickly. The sooner the horse is bought the better chance to make the best selection. The company should be made up, the agent selected to buy the horse, and the money paid over to him by the first of February.

I am not doing this either to get the position as agent for the company to buy the horse, or to take charge of him. I desire neither, but simply by the request of friends to do what little I can to improve the stock of the county.

GEORGE CHRISMAN,

Warren Farm, Rockingham Co., Va.
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SNOW.—As we were going to press with our issue of last week, the snow had commenced falling, and was coming down beautifully at that hour.

During Wednesday afternoon and night snow fell to the depth of about 4 to 5 inches.

DENTAL NOTICE.—As I am attending dental lectures in Baltimore, I will be absent from my office, until the 20th of this month, (January.) R. S. SWITZER.

OUR ALMANAC.—Those who have subscribed for the COMMONWEALTH since Janary 1st; those whose subscriptions being paid run over into 1882, and those who subscribe on Monday next, (or until the edition is exhausted,) are all entitled to a copy of our Almanac for 1882 *free*. If any one should fail to get his or her copy we hope they will call for it or send us a postal card informing us of the fact. In the multitude of new names coming in we may omit some one by accident.

Cheering Words.

——, Jan. 6, 1882.

DEAR SIR:—With its armor glistening, its columns glowing, and its face to the foe, THE OLD COMMONWEALTH comes to me in new and inviting habiliments of the Printer's Art. It is as bright and hopeful as the New Year, and with a clear record and clean bill of health gives guaranty that the stability of principle and purity of sentement which has marked its course in the past will attend its mission in the future. You should be proud, your readers should be proud, and I congratulate both on the possession and progress of a conscientious, upright and wholesome newspaper; a diadem of candor and truth, in which the jewel of consistency has never been dimmed. Wishing you and THE OLD COMMONWEALTH a happy and prosperous New Year, I am, yours truly, B.

Personal.

Miss Anna Schindle, daughter of S. E. Schindle, Esq., left for Rochester, N. Y., on Wednesday last.

S. M. Yost, of the *Valley Virginian* was in town on Monday last.

J. N. Liggett, Esq., left for Staunton on last Monday, upon legal business.

J. T. Logan, Esq., in company with his wife and daughter, left on Saturday last, for Shepherdstown where they will be the guests of the Rev. W.G. Eggleston formerly pastor at this place.

Prof. C. H. Oltmann left on Monday last, for Staunton to submit plans for the erection of the new building of Mr. Thomas Burke, on the corner of Main and Augusta streets. Good resolutions made. Staunton papers please copy.

Geo. R. Coffroth, Esq., of Baltimore, was in town several days this week.

Mr. H. Rosenheim, of Baltimore, was in town Tuesday, looking well and happy, as usual.

J. L. Sibert, Esq., has recovered from his severe sickness of a fortnight, and is again upon the streets.

The Weather.

On Thursday morning last, after the snow of the day and night previous, the weather moderated, with indications of falling weather. On Friday the day opened cloudy, and at an early hour of the forenoon rain began falling and the snow began melting. Ice-hauling, which had been brisk for several days, subsided entirely during the day. Saturday was a soft day. The snow melted considerably. Sunday was tolerably clear and the weather almost Spring-like. Snow all disappeared. Monday opened into a beautiful Spring day, very much like early April.

Tuesday was cooler than Monday, and there was so much change in temperature that on Tuesday morning the ground was frozen and the sky covered with clouds indicating falling weather.

Wednesday opened bright but not entirely clear. The temperature was quite moderate.

Dr. Van Etten was in Harrisonburg just twelve years ago and made some wonderful cures. The Doctor is among us to-day to heal the sick and relieve the afflicted. Come one, come all, to the Revere House, his consultation is free, and he is affecting other wonderful cures.

We found him true, we found him just,
So let us give him peace,
That when he comes again to heal,
We may him glady trust.

1w —TRUTH.

Brevities.

Auctioneers were pretty busy on Saturday.

One sensible man come to town on Thursday morning last. He brought in a big load of wood, notwithstanding the snow. It brought a good price. He ought to be voted a medal as a public benefactor.

Monday next will be County Court-day.

Bring in your horses, if you want to sell, on Monday next.

On Friday evening about 6:30 o'clock an alarm of fire was sounded, which was occasioned by a burning chimney.

The holidays are over and it is time to go to work for 1882.

School Report.

As required by section 11 of the Public Free School Law, I furnish you the following abstract of my Annual Report for the year 1880–'81:

	Harris'n'g	Ashby	Stonewall	Central	Linville	Plains	County
School population—white and colored	1056	2904	2425	1151	1657	1950	11148
No. of Public Schools opened	9	48	31	23	28	31	170
Average No. of months taught	5.56	4.94	5.28	4.7	5.03	4.97	5.04
Pupils enrolled—white and colored	343	1959	1128	833	1132	1333	6728
Average monthly enrollment	279	1601	892	662	894	1063	5776
" daily attendance	201	1294	672	547	670	820	4307
Per cent. of school population enrolled	32.5	67.5	46.5	73	68.3	68.4	60.4
" " " in av. attendance	19.3	44.6	27.7	47.3	40.4	42.1	37.7
No. of pupils enrolled per teacher	38	40.8	36.4	36.2	40	43	39.6
No. in average attendance per teacher	22	27	21.7	23.8	24	26.5	24.75
Cost per month per pupil enrolled	$ 93	62	73	56	61	59	64
" " " average attendance	1.57	94	1.23	85	1.02	96	1.03
Average monthly salary of teachers	36.58	25 37	26.70	20 30	24 56	25 43	25.47
State funds received during the year	1117.25	3772.43	2565.65	1223.05	1753.10	2063.10	11794.88
County funds received during the year	14 20	3069 44	2369 45	1013.35	1431.25	1880 76	9978.85
District funds received during the year	2235.75	2428.69	991.15	1290 88	1393.01	1595 78	9840.75
Amount of County and Dist. funds on hand	14.13	21.90	1918.91	853.08	1515.66	1881.67	6185.36
Debts due teachers	89 34	00	21.00	00	40 00	00	11 34
Debts due for all other purposes	25 27	758 00	30.00	30.00	00	36.00	519.27
Value of school property owned by Districts	7000.00	6282.94	5100.00	4761.50	3750 00	3500.00	33374.14
No. of pupils studying the higher branches	6	18	29	9	33	51	146

I have given the above abstract by districts that persons may note the difference in school interest in the various districts of the county.

J. HAWSE,
Co. Sup't of Schools.

Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 29, 1881.

LITERARY.

The London Times on American Literature for Children.

"There is an old song which sings how a certain venerable man delighted to pass the evening of his days in initiating his grandchild in the exhilarating game of draughts, and how, so well did the lad profit by his instruction, that at lsst 'the old man was beaten by the boy.' In looking over the two parts of ST. NICHOLAS, this old song has come back to us. Certainly the producers of such literature for our own boys and girls must look to their laurels. Both in the letterpress and the engravings these two volumes seem to us (though the admission touch our vanity or our patriotism, call it by which name we will, something closely) above anything we produce in the same line. The letterpress, while containing quite as large a power of attraction for young fancies, is so much more idea'd, so much less commonplace, of a higher literary style than the average production of our annuals of the same class. And the pictures are often works of real art, not only as engravings, but as compositions of original design."

Literary Notes for The Century Co.

Venerated in literature lend a peculiar interest to the contents of the Midwinter number of THE CENTURY, which will include among its contributors Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry W. Longfellow, and the late Dean Stanley. Other familiar names in the list of contributors are E. C. Stedman, W. D. Howells, Mrs Frances Hodgson Burnett, H. H., Maurice Thompson, Frank R. Stockton, and George E. Waring, Jr.

The fiction of the Midwinter (February) number of THE CENTURY will embrace the continuation of "A Modern Instance," by Mr. Howells, in which the author humors still further the hero's fondness for flirtation; another chapter of Mrs. Burnett's "Through One Administration," containing a piquant "morning-call" conversation between Tredennis and Bertha; a racy story by Frank R. Stockton, entitled "Euphema Among the Pelicans," which introduces two or three familiar characters of the "Rudder Grange" series; and the play of "Esmeralda," by Mrs. Burnett and W. H. Gillotte, which is having a long and successful career at the Madison Square Theater. The play will be read with peculiar interest by those who remember Mrs. Burnett's short story of "Esmeralda," that appeared in the magazine for May, 1877. Readers who are familiar with Mrs. Burnett's novels may also look for traces of "Louisiana" in the drama.

"Hermes Trismegistus" is the title of the poem, nearly two pages long, which Mr. Longfellow contributes to the February CENTURY. The subject of the poem is the reputed and semi-mythical author of numerous works which appeared in the fourth century of our era, setting forth the religion and philosophy of the new Platonists.

Corporation Expenses.

The annual report of Chief of Police, W. A. Braithwaite, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1881, said report being confirmed by the finance committee of the Town Council, shows that the number of poor provided for at the place of general reception to have been........ 23

The number provided for outside of the Poor House was................. 68

Total number provided for		91
Am't expended for the quarter ending March 30, 1881		315.74
Am't expended for the quarter ending June 30, 1881		164.49
Am't expended for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1881		110.99
Am't expended for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1881		235.64
Total for the year		$826.86
Am't expended outside of the Poor House		
1st quarter	$218.03	
2nd "	59.30	
3rd "	36.50	
4th "	57.00	
Total	$370.83	$370.83
Am't expended inside of the Poor House		
1st quarter	$ 97.71	
2nd "	105.19	
3rd "	74.49	
4th "	178.64	
Total	$456.03	$456.0[illegible]
		$8[illegible]

The amount expended by the town for the past year upon streets, &c., amounts to $2040.03, making the [illegible]tal amount paid upon streets and su[illegible]port of the poor, $2,866.89.

We call the attention of farmers to the letter of Maj. George Chrisman, which appears in this paper to-day. The improvement of our stock of draft horses is a matter of great importance, and Maj. C. is enthusiastic on the subject of improved stock. We hope he may be able to impart some of his enthusiastic spirit to others throughout the country. Read Maj. Chrisman's letter carefully, and then rally in support of his proposition. It is a move in the right direction. Our columns are always open to the discussion of such matters, and we hope the farmers will avail themselves of their use.

DEAD.—Albert Wilkite died on the 14th of December, 1881, aged 62 years, 10 and 26 days. at his residence near Cross Keys, in this county, of consumption, from which he had been a suffer for sometime. He for sometime was a resident of Bridgewater, but was born in Eastern Virginia, and came to this county when about six years old. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Rev. Mr. Brane preached his funeral.

A GOOD SALE.—Geo. G. Grattan, com missioner, sold to W. M. Hazlegrove the Tabb Warehouse property, for the sum of $3,400; one-third cash and the balance in three equal annual payments with interest from day of sale. This is very valuable property, lying near the B. & O. R. R., with all the necessary advantages for a good commission house.

Died.

Mrs. Rebecca Gibbs, relict of Frederick Gibbs, deceased, died at her home near the toll-gate on the Valley turnpike, about ¾ of a mile south of this town on Sunday evening. She was in the 64th year of her age, and died from a combined attack of pneumonia and inflamation of the stomach. Mrs. Gibbs was a good woman and her virtues will long be green in the memory of many devoted friends. She raised a large family of children and was a devoted mother. She has gone to her reward in a better land than this.

Her funeral took place at Woodbine Cemetery on Monday afternoon and was largely attended. Her husband lost his life from wounds received in the war for Southern Independence and left her with a large family on her hamds, but she struggled through adversity until at last she rests in the silent grave and her memory is blessed by grateful children, whose hopes are full that she is safe in that fold of whom the Master said: "Blessed are they who die in the Lord."

Homicide.

In a row which occured on the evening before Christmas, on Augusta Street, Mr. Girard Gregory, son of Addison Gregory, was so badly injured that he died on last Tuesday, January 3rd. After his death, a coroner's inquest was held and the verdict implicated the following parties, viz: Thomas H. Binford, Lewis L. Vasseur, Harrison H. Shuff and Charles Nicols. At the Coroner's inquest it was shown by Drs. McChesney and Fultz that Gregory had died from a fracture of the skull inflicted by one of the parties above mentioned, all of whom were engaged in the assault on Gregory.

An examining trial was held last Friday, before Mayor Balthis, and the above mentioned parties sent on for indictment before the Grand Jury. The Commonwealth was represented by Ed. Echols, and the prisoners by M. F. White. As the crime committed is a serious one, and, in pursuance of the course we have always pursued in the case of serious criminal offences, we do not publish the testimony taken at either the Coroner's inquest or the examining trial before the Mayor.—*Staunton Spectator.*

SPECIAL COURT TRAIN.—On every 3d Monday of each month, commencing Monday, January 16th, a special train will be run from Timberville to Harrisonburg, stopping at all stations, to accommodate persons desiring to attend court, leaving as follows:

Timberville	8.05 a. m.
Broadway	8.12 "
Cowans	8.20 "
Linville	8.32 "
Harrisonburg	8.45 "

Round-trip tickets on sale at all offices at reduced rates.

THOS. C. PRINCE,
Sup'r of Trains.
C. E. DUDROW,
Pass. Agent.

SALES OF REAL ESTTAE.—J. S. Harnsberger, Commissioner, has sold 100 acres, including the John Harnsberger residence, to W. C. Long, at $45 per acre, equivalent to cash. He has also sold 327 acres of the Jeremiah Harnsberger tract for $13,500 to Thomas K. Harnsberger.

The Leo J. Wise property was sold by Ed. S. Conrad and H. V. Strayer, to P. Bradley and S. R. Sterling at $1,010, subject to unmatured vendor's lien of about $3,200, including interest, making the cost of the property about $4,200.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Miss Rosalie Pancoast, who has many friends and admirers in this place and whom it will be remembered, was the guest of Capt. C. A. Sprinkel, was called suddenly home last week in consequence of the sad death of her sister, Mrs. Morris Osborne, of Round Hill, Loudon Co., Va.

Miss Pancoast's many friends extend their sympathy for this sad and unexpected termination of her visit amongst us, as well as for her in this hour of grief and affliction.

It is said that a certain attorney in an adjoining town, shortly after his admission to the bar, was appointed to defend a criminal, and was forced into trial before time for preparation, and on motion for a continuance, picked up the Code of Virginia and said: "If the Court please, there 's something in here, *somewhere*, which says, if this man is tried now, 'taint a fair trial, and he wont get justice, and we ask for a continuance.

GONE EAST.—Luther J. Bricker, a young man of this county, left on Wednesday morning last for Hartford, Conn., where he will spend saveral years in attendance upon a business college. We recommend Mr. B. to the care and confidence of both teachers and pupils as an exemplary young man, and predict for him a great success.

Pauline Markham appeared in the Two Orphans, in Staunton, last Friday night. She didn't come down here. We hadn't a decent hall for a first-class troupe. We too often miss good plays and prominent actors, because we haven't a hall that would give them a chance to make a *haul* that would pay.

Every soldier or pensioner who will send his or her address on a postal card to J. H. Soule, Washington, D. C., will receive free a copy of an eight-page paper, devoted to the interest of soldiers. Mention this paper.

NOTICE TO THE AFFLICTED.—At the request of a number of the citizens of Rockingham county, Va., Dr. Van Etten will remain, until further notice, at the Revere House, in Harrisonburg.

January 10th, 1882. 1w.

If you desire a *pure* Whiskey, distilled from Rye only and of great age call for Rosenheim's Spring Dale. For sale by John Kavanaugh, at Farmer's Home, and by Lamb Brothers, Harrisonburg. tjune8

Rockingham Union Lodge treated itself to a first-class oyster supper last Tuesday night, at Joe. Ney's saloon.

Death of Mrs. Maj. I. G. Coffman.

Mrs. Magdalene DcDowell Coffman died at her home in this place on Wednesday evening, January 4th, 1882, in the fifty-second year of her age. Mrs. Coffman was the deaughter of Abraham Smith, who lived on North River, in this county, and Martha Ried, and grand-daughter of Andrew Ried and Magdalene McDowell, of Lexington, Va. Her husband was Isaac G. Coffman, the heroic Major of the 10th Virginia Regiment, who was killed at the battle of the Wilderness. We have never been called upon to chronicle a death which caused more true sorrow in this community. She was well known by many of our citizens, and beloved by all who know her. In all of the relations of life she bore herself as a true and perfect woman. As a wife she was unexceptionable; as a mother she exhibited that devotion to her three sons and daughter who survive her of which only a mother was capable, and amid all of the vicissitudes of adverse fortune which the death of her husband occasioned she struggled with a fortitude rarely seen; as a friend no one could have been truer, more unselfish, more sincere, and though the shadow which came from the Wilderness had darkened her own life, yet she never permitted it to fall across the pathway of others, and to her friends she was genial, cheerful and warm-hearted. For many years she was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and and was always a consistent, devout and zealous christian. Amid all of her cares she never forgot her regular attendance at church, or her duty to her religion. Her faith was almost absolute, and the temptations and skepticisms of the world alike failed to impair her faith in her Saviour, or shake her trust in God. She has gone to reap the reward of a life well spent, in the full fruition of the joys of a better and brighter world.

From Mt. Crawford.

The following pupils of Mt. Crawford School received the higest number of merit marks in recitation, deportment and attendance for the school month ending January 6th, 1882, viz.:

First Department.—Homer Sherman, Ida Sherman, Sallie Varner, Turner Fifer, Nelly Lindon, Lee Sherman, Charles Sherman, John Mercer, Birdie Lindon, Nelly Burgess.

Primary Department.—Brown Hawkins, Walter Messerly, Ward Foley, Lena Kiser, Howard Spader, Katie Bush, Boyd Switzer, Samuel Wise, Maggie Earman, Bessie Wise, Charles Kiser, Nettie Messerly, Walter Pence, F. Wilcher, Walter Keller.

The names as given above, are in the order of merit, beginning with the highest. Total enrollment, 100. Average attendance, 85.

The holiday season passed off quietly, and the usual routine of business has been resumed. The festivals given to the little ones at the Methodist and Reformed churches, on Christmas Eve, were largely attended and highly enjoyed. The former had an arch of evergreens, and the latter a tree. The music, the presents, the happy faces, linger as a pleasant memory.

The recent cold spell was not of sufficient length or intensity to enable the ice dealers here to lay in a supply. The wheat fields are looking beautiful since the snow passed away, and everything is bathed in the bright sunshine and balmy atmosphere of spring.

The finest on the market is Rosenheim's celebrated Spring Dale Whiskey. For sale by John Kavanaugh, at the Farmer's Home, and by Lamb Brothers, Harrisonburg. tjune8

GOLDN DAYS.—We have often referred to this splendid weekly for boys and girls, as the best of its kind in America. That statement we reiterate most cheerfully, and think an actual test will prove our statement correct. Mr. Elverson, the publisher, has, however, made a new departure, and will give to its patrons the GOLDEN DAYS, either in weekly numbers or as a monthly, nicely bound, to those who prefer to receive it in that form. Those who want to see this elegant publication, in either form, can do so by calling upon us. We will forward subscriptions with much pleasure, confident that it will please all who take it, and we would be glad to have it circulated among our boys and girls, for its wholesome lessons, in the most interesting form given, have a salutory effect for the good of all young readers. The price is $3 a year, and the price is very moderate, considering the value of the periodical. Address James Elverson, publisher, Northeast corner 9th and Spruce streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

IMPROVED.—We are pleased to learn from Bridgewater that John W. F. Allemong, Esq., who has been extremely ill, is greatly improved and on the road to early recovery. We are pleased to hear this intelligence, for Mr. Allemong is really too valuable a man to his locality to pass away at this time. We hope he may be around again in a few days.

Dr. H. Kyle of Bridgewater, who has been quite low, is also improved, we hear. The Dr. is quite an old man. Hopes are entertained that he will recover from his present illness.

Buster says he don't understand these things. They call 'em Funders, and he don't see why, for it aint fun-ter be left like they were last fall. And why should they be called 'justers, unless they are just-er fooling about paying the State debt.

Spring Dale Whiskey has a world-wide reputation and can be had of H. Rosenheim, Baltimore. He being the exclusive patentee, and proprietor of that celebrated brand. For sale by John Kavanaugh, at Farmer's Home, and by Lamb Brothers, Harrisonburg. tjune8

The price of this paper is $1.50 a year. We don't ask you to "keep on," even "if you never pay."

The Board of Supervisors will meet at the County Clerk's office on Friday, January 20.

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25 cents will pay for the "Commonwealth" for TWO MONTHS.
50 cents will pay for the "Commonwealth" for FOUR MONTHS.
75 cents will pay for the "Commonwealth" for SIX MONTHS.
$1.00 will pay for the "Commonwealth" for EIGHT MONTHS.
$1.50 will pay for the "Commonwealth" for ONE YEAR.

CASH IN ADVANCE IN ALL CASES.

Address,
J. K. SMITH, PUBLISHER,
Harrisonburg, Va.

We call attention to the advertisement elsewhere of that great leading newspaper, the Baltimore *Sun*. Hundreds and perhaps thousands of our people take the *Sun*, and with many it has been for years a regular visitor to the fireside, either daily or weekly. We return thanks to Messrs. Abell & Co. for a copy of their Almanac for 1882.

ACCIDENT TO PROF. S. C. LINDSAY.—The Highland *Recorder* says that Prof. S. C. Lindsay received a severe fall from the steps of his porch on Tuesday morning last, from which he sustained some injury of the head, and his school was closed several days last week in consequence.

The members of the Harrisonburg Guards are requested to meet at the armory on Tuesday night next, at 7 o'clock. Special business.

Ed. S. Conrad, as commissioner, sold an undivided one-third interest in "Waterloo" to Geo. E. Sipe, Esq., last week, for $420.

MARRIED.

Near Greenville, January 5th, by Rev. A. H. Hamilton, Mr. John B. Burwell to Miss R. Doake Steele, all of Augusta.

On the 28th ult., in Pocahontas county, W. Va., by Rev. L. Fox, Mr. Robert Ralston, of Highland county, Va., to Miss Dollie B. Gum, of Pocahontas county.

On the 28th ult., at the Parsonage in Huntersville, by Rev. W. N. Wagner, Mr. Robert H. Simmons and Miss Rachael N. Kellison, all of Pocahontas county, W. Va.

DIED.

John W. Seybert, of Monterey, Highland county, died suddenly in Crab Bottom, on the 21st of December, aged 43 years. He was a brother of Mrs. W. M. Chew, of Waynesboro', and was for a number of years Deputy Clerk of Highland county.

Near Rushville, Rockingham county, Dec. 5th, 1881. Mrs. Martha Rice, a relict of Rev. Thomas Rice, peacefully closed her useful life, aged 76 years, 10 months and 21 days.

At the residence of her father, near Linville, Rockingham county, Dec. 25th, 1881, Miss Harriet Fridley, aged 43 years, 8 months and 12 days.

HARRISONBURG MARKET.

CORRECTED BY ROHR BROTHERS, GROCERS.

Thursday Morning, January 12, 1882.

Flour—Family	$ 7 25@7 50
do Extra	6 25@6 50
do Super	5 75@6 00
Wheat per bushel	1 30@1 32
Rye " "	75@ 80
Corn " "	75@ 80
Oats " "	40@ 42
Irish Potatoes per bushel	90@1 00
Sweet " " "	1 00@1 25
Onions " " "	1 75@2 00
Clover seed " "	5 00@6 00
Timothy seed " "	3 00@3 50
Flax " "	1 25@1 50
Corn Meal " "	90@1 00
Buckwheat per lb	4@ 4½
Bacon per lb	9@ 10
Pork " "	6 00@6 50
Lard " "	10@10½
Butter " "	23@ 25
Eggs " doz	18@ 20
Turkeys per lb	6½@ 7
Chickens " doz	1 75@2 25
Ducks	1 75@2 00
Dried Apples per lb	3½@ 4½
" Cherries " "	12½@ 15
" Whortleberries per lb	8@ 10
" Peaches peeled " "	12½@ 15
" " unpeeled " "	8@ 10
" Blackberries " "	4@ 5
Wool washed	25@ 28
" unwashed	20@ 21
Salt per sack	1 90@2 00
Plaster per ton	7 00@7 50
Hay per ton	14 00@16 00

HIDES, LEATHER, &c.

CORRECTED BY HOUCK & WALLIS, TANNERS

Hides—Green, per lb	$ 5 to 7
" Dry Flint " "	10 to 12
" Green Salted " "	8 to 9½
Calfskins—Each	75 to 1 00
Horse Hides "	75 to 1 00
Sheepskins "	25 to 50
Leather—Oak Sole per lb	35 to 40
" Red " "	23 to 25
" Upper " "	45 to 50
" Kip " "	85 to 90
" Harness " "	35 to 40
Calfskins—French per lb	1 20 to 1 75
Sheepskins—B'k tan'd Each	75 to 90
Chamois—Large "	50 to 60
Linings "	50 to 85
Morocco—French "	3 00 to 3 00
Pebble, per foot	30 to
Tanners' Oil, per gal	60 to
Tallow, per lb	5 to
Hair, per bush	15 to
Bark, per ton	5 50

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET.

MONDAY, JAN. 9, 1882.

AT CALVERTON YARDS.

BEEF CATTLE.—The market has been fairly active to day almost throughout its entire course, with an advance on all grades of fully ⅛c per lb, the greater improvement being seen on the common grades. The better grades were somewhat more plentiful than last week, and a few better tops were among the offerings. Prices ranged from 2 50a$6 50, very few selling at or near the first figure, most sales ranging from 5a$6 per 100 lbs.

MILCH COWS.—There is a fairly active demand for prime Cows. We quote at 45 a$55 per head. No quotations for common grades.

Prices this week for Beef Cattle ranged as follows:

Best Beeves	$5 50 a $6 50
Generally rated first quality	$4 50 a $5 50
Medium or good fair quality	$3 75 a $5 00
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	$2 50 a $3 50
Extreme range of prices	$2 50 a $6 50
Most of the sales were from	$5 00 a $6 00

Total receipts for the week 1356 head against 1113 last week, and 2328 head same time last year. Total sales for the week 1167 heads, against 1024 last week, and 1588 head same time last year.

SWINE.—There is a comparatively heavy increase in the number of the receipts over last week, though they are 3000 short of the same time last year. There is a marked improvement in the quality over the very fair grades received last week. Prices keep well up as compared with the quotations then, showing no change, quality considered. There was one very superior lot offered, and sold at higher figures than last week. We quote at 7¾a9¼ cts, with most sales at 8a9 cents per lb net. Arrivals this week 8390 head against 6173 last week, and 11,397 head same time last year.

SHEEP.—Though there is a heavy increase in the receipts over last week, about 1000 head have been taken off the market and reshipped East by their owners.—Those offered have among them comparatively few good Sheep, and the demand for that class has been fairly active on the part of home butchers. There have been no Eastern buyers here. We quote Sheep at 3½a6 cents, few selling at the latter price, and Lambs 4a6 cents per lb gross. Common Sheep are dull. Arrivals this week 3880 head against 1566 last week, and 4909 head same time last year.

A New Departure.

Cheapar and Better for All.

After mature consideration the publisher of this paper has determined to change its manner of business to the *pay-in-advance* system. From January 1st, 1882, no paper will be sent from this office to any one unless the subscription is paid in advance. The adoption of this course is not a reflection upon the integrity of any subscriber cr individual, but it is adopted to obviate the enormous losses to which we have been subjected under the old "go-as-you-please" system.

In adopting the cash plan of subscription we make a reduction in the price of the paper for 1882, as follows:

One year	$1.50
Six months	75
Four months	50
Two months	25

All subscriptions will be discontinued at the end of the time paid for.

Corns.—Corns are nothing more than thickened, condensed scarf skin, which rising above the general surface, produce pain upon pressure. They are always the result of an unequal pressure made by an unequal fitting boot or shoe. A tight shoe, simply, never produced a corn, provided the shoe fit well, was equally tight at all points, so as not to produce unequal pressure. A tight shoe, however, should never be worn, as it impedes circulation and causes results equally as bad as corns. A shoe or boot too large is productive of corns, especially if the leather is hard and unyielding. Such a shoe will be apt to produce a corn whenever it touches sensitive parts of the foot. The proper way is to have boots and shoes made to fit—neither too large or too small—and then bathe the feet frequently in warm water, to remove the thick scarf-skin.—This is the best cure, also for corns. Bathe the feet every night in warm water, and remove all the scarf-skin posible, and wear only well fiitting shoes, or boots, made of soft, pliable leather. Ignore fashion, and use common sense in selecting your shoes or boots, and corns will never trouble you.

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Virginia Iron Ore Items.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company has commenced mining on an extensive scale on the Hale property at Rocky Mount, Franklin county, Va.

We learn that Maj. Erasmus Taylor, has entered into a contract to deliver 3,000 tons of ore a month during the next year, from the mine lately opened on his farm near Orange Court-House. A branch of the Virginia Midland R. R. is to be built from Madison Run station to Major Taylor's mine, by the parties who have contracted for the ore, to facilitate its delivery to the furnaces in Pennsylvania. This deposit is one of the most valuable in Virginia. It has been thoroughly examined by experienced engineers and is pronounced by them practically inexhaustible.—*Fredericksburg Star.*

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The success of this mine has stimulated owners of adjacent property to investigate the indications on their land, which are abundant in all that neighborhood, and it is quite likely that other valuable deposits will be found. This section of the county lies directly on the line of the proposed Baltimore, Western and Cincinnati Railroad.—*Winchester Times.*

Mr. Benj. Milnes, son of Hon. William Milnes, of Shenandoah Iron Works, has purchased of Jackson Garrison his iron ore banks, lying near their furnace, for the sum of $6,500.—*Page News.*

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[Logan, (Ohio) Hocking Sentinal.]

Hocking Valley News.

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	Through Mail 610	Way Freight & Pas. 640	Strasburg Accom. 636	Thro' Freight & Pas. 616	Winchester Accom. 618	Thro' Freight & Pas. 638
	A.M.		A.M.		P.M.	
Leave Baltimore	7:15				4:20	
" Washington.	8:40				4:45	
" Frederick					6:35	
" Hagerstown.					6:45	
		A.M.	A.M.			
" Martinsburg					7:52	
			P.M.			A.M.
" Harp'r's F'y	11:15	7:15	1:20		8:00	4:15
" Charlestown	11:43	8:05	2:06		8:22	4:52
	P.M.	A've.				
" Winchester	12:46	11:00	4:30		9:10	6:26
" Middletown	1:03	12:14	5:18			7:22
			A've.			
" Strasburg	1:36	12:51	5:55			7:55
" Mt. Jackson.	2:52	3:06				10:24
				A.M.		
" Harrisonb'g.	4:00	5.00		7:00		12:25
Arrive Staunton	5:00			8:50		2:10

No. 638 meets 615 at Stephenson's at 6:10 a. m.; meets 637 at Middletown at 7:22 a. m; and meets 605 and 631 at Edinburg at 9:19 and 9:58 a. m. Has Passenger Car attached.

No. 640 meets 637 at Summit Point at 9:15 a. m.; meets 605 at Winchester at 11:00 a. m.; meets 631 at Middletown at 12:14 p. m.; and lets 610 pass at Woodstock at 3:06 p. m. Has Passenger Car attached.

No. 610 meets 605 at Charlestown at 11:51 a. m.; meets 631 at Stephens City at 1:03 p. m.; passes 640 at Woodstock at 2:06 p. m.; and meets 617 at Weyer's Cave at 4;27 p. m. Dinner at Mt. Jackson

No. 636 meets 631 at Summit Point at 303 p. m. Has Passenger Car attached.

No. 616 meets 605 at Mt. Crawford at 7;39 a. m. Has Passenger Car attached.

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	Baltimore Accom. 615	Harper's Ferry Ac. 637	Through Mail 605	Thro' Freight & Pas. 633	Way Freight & Pas. 631	Freight & Passenger 617
			A.M.	P.M	A.M.	P.M
Leave Staunton			7:00			3 20
" Harrisonburg.			8:00	5:25	6:50	5 05
" Mt. Jackson			9:01	7:20	9:23	
		A.M.				
" Strasburg		6:50	10:02	8:54	11:20	
					P.M.	
" Middletown		7:22	10:37	9:29	12.14	
	A.M.					
" Winchester	6:00	8:02	11:00	10:15	2:03	
" Charlestown	6:47	9:50	11:51	11:35	3:40	
" Harper's Fe'y	7:12	10:30	12:35	12:15	4:30	
	P.M.	P.M.		A.M.		
" Martinsburg	12:14	12:14				
" Hagerstown	8:35	2:45				
" Frederick	8:33	2:50				
" Washington	9:45	2:05	2:40	6:30		
Arrive Baltimore	10:50	3:15	3:50	7:40		

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No. 631 lets 605 pass at New Market at 843 a. m.; meets 638 at Edinburg at 9:58 a. m.; meets 640 at Middletown at 12;14 p. m.; meets 610 at Stephens City at 1;03 p. m.; and meets 636 at Summit Point at 3:03 p. m. Has Passenger Car attached.

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